March 11, 2025 TPO Technical Committee





9:00 AM | Small Assembly 400 Main St, Knoxville

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- A. Determination of a Quorum
- **B.** Introductions
- C. Introduction of Zoom Participants
- D. Amendments to the Agenda

***Amy Brooks** Knoxville-Knox

County Planning

***Blake Sartin** Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority

***Brian Boone** City of Maryville

*Don Walker Blount County

*Darryl Smith Town of Farragut

***DeAnna Flinchum** Knoxville Commuter Pool ***Mike Patterson** (proxy for Gary Holiway) ETHRA

***Tom Clabo** City of Knoxville

***Jack Qualls** City of Loudon and Loudon County

***Pat Downs** Knoxville Area Transit

***James Temple** Sevier County

***Jim Snowdon, Chair** Knox County ***Karen Estes** (proxy for Barbara Kelly) Community Action Committee

*Kathryn Baldwin Anderson County

***Larry Gann** City of Clinton

*Dakota Gentry City of Alcoa

***Troy Ebbert** Tennessee Department of Transportation

***Tina Whitaker** Lakeway MPO *Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yukubic) East Tennessee Development District

*Roger Flynn City of Oak Ridge

TPO Staff

Partner Agency Staff

*Voting Members

2. Minutes

Approved 20-0-0

Mr. Temple moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Overrun*

There is one (1) cost overrun request for a locally sponsored project. The overrun exceeds the limits established in the TIP programming policies adopted with the FY 23-26 TIP. Technical Committee approval is required for cost overruns in excess of 25% of the total project costs or increasing TPO federal funds in excess of \$500,000.

Knoxville Middlebrook Pike (SR-169) ATMS Expansion: Overrun request (CMAQ PM 2.5 funds) is \$640,278 (\$640,278 federal), representing 21.9% of the total project cost.

Attachment #3A: 23-2017-051 TIP page Attachment #3B: CMAQ PM2.5 Cost Overrun Summary Table

Discussion

Mr. Luebke reviewed the requested TIP cost overrun requested by the City of Knoxville. **Approved** 20-0-0

Ms. Baldwin moved to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Cost Overrun. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment*

The City of Knoxville requested an amendment for the existing Traffic Signal Improvements for the U.T. Area project. The amendment revises the project schedule, increases ROW and construction costs and increases the total project cost. PE-N is revised to FY 2024 programming to reflect the most recent obligation year (\$65,000 federal CMAQ). ROW is programmed in FY 2025 at a cost of \$425,000 (\$425,000 federal CMAQ). Construction costs in FY 2026 are increased to \$4,760,271 CMAQ (increase of \$2,195,911). The additional CMAQ is new CMAQ PM2.5 funding and in addition to the original CMAQ award. This amendment adds \$2,620,911 (+\$2,620,911 federal CMAQ PM2.5) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$5,587,911.

Attachment #4B: 23-2017-061 Draft Amendment

Attachment #4C: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #4D: Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Discussion

Mr. Luebke reviewed the requested TIP amendment by the City of Knoxville.

Approved 20-0-0

Mr. Boone moved to recommend approval of a resolution adopting City of Knoxville requested amendment for one (1) air quality exempt project and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



5. PM2 & 3 Midpoint Performance Measures *

As part of the overall FHWA Transportation Performance Management process, there is a 4-year Performance Period for the performance measures covered under PM2 (Pavement & Bridge Condition) and PM3 (Congestion/Reliability/Environment). After two years, the states are required to prepare a Mid Performance Period Progress Report and at that point can adjust the 4-year targets if necessary. TDOT decided to adjust a few of their targets which means that the TPO has 180 days to either: agree to support the state target or establish specific numeric targets for our region. Staff recommends supporting the TDOT adjusted targets.

Attachment #5a: TDOT Mid Performance Period Progress Report

Attachment #5b: Draft Resolution Adopting TDOT Adjusted 4-Year Targets for PM2 and PM3 **Discussion**

Mr. Conger presented the performance measures covered under PM2 (Pavement & Bridge Condition) and PM3 (Congestion/Reliability/Environment).

Approved 20-0-0

Mr. Clabo moved to recommend approval of a resolution adopting the PM2 & 3 Midpoint Performance Measures to the Executive Board. Mr. Ebbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Transit Asset Management and Safety Plan Targets *

Federal requirements require transit agencies to set and MPOs to adopt performance-based planning targets dealing with Transit Asset Management (TAM) and safety. TAM concerns the management of vehicle fleets, equipment, and facilities. Each transit operator is also required to adopt a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and set safety targets. Knoxville Area Transit, Knox County CAC Transit, and the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency each prepared a PTASP and set their individual safety targets and reported them to the TPO.

Attachment #6A: TAM Plan and Transit Safety Targets

Attachment #6B: Draft Resolution Adopting TAM and Transit Safety Targets

Discussion

Mr. Bird presented the proposed Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and safety targets.

Approved 20-0-0

Ms. Estes moved to recommend approval of a resolution adopting the Public Transit Asset Management and Safety Plan targets to the Executive Board. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Mobility Plan 2050 Update

An update and discussion of next steps related to the TPO's long-range transportation plan update.

Discussion

Mr. Tresohlavy gave updated on the Mobility Plan 2050 process and new website features.

8. City of Knoxville Vision Zero Updates

In 2021, City Council unanimously resolved to endorse a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Knoxville's streets. The City hired its first Vision Zero Coordinator in March 2024 and he will provide an overview of this program and updates on current initiatives.



9. Other Business

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting April 8, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Mr. Burton reminded the Committee of the call for projects for the Work Program and the upcoming Household Survey.

Mr. Luebke reminded the Committee of the upcoming TIP cycle.

10. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limit for each person.

Discussion

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

